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DISTANCE USING RADAR AND CAMERA  
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**PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.56 AND MPEP §§ 742 AND 724.02**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is a listing of a co-pending U.S. patent application which relates to the above-identified application **(a copy of which is attached)**.

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Applicant considers the aforementioned document and the disclosure of its existence as a pending application to constitute proprietary information. Accompanying this Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement is a transmittal letter indicating that the materials contained herein are proprietary, as required by MPEP § 724.02.

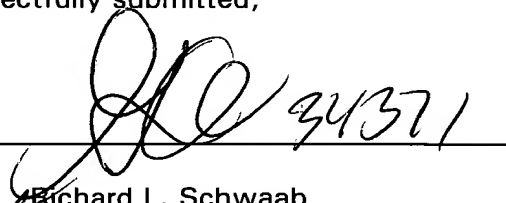
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the foregoing information and provide in the next official communication the information set forth in MPEP § 724.04(a), particularly the information under item (3), so that the Applicant can, if appropriate, subsequently file a petition to expunge those materials, as provided according to MPEP § 724.05.

Respectfully submitted,

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